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Scientists at UCLA, Caltech, and Polytechnic University have developed a new concept in Electromagnetics called "Photonic Bandgaps" that permits unprecedented control of Electromagnetic Waves, at both radio frequencies, and optical frequencies. This new paradigm of Electromagnetics is based on Nature's design for semiconductor crystals, but it is a crystal structure that is artificially engineered for electromagnetic waves rather than for electron waves.

Beginning in 1996, new frontiers in the engineered control of electromagnetic waves have emerged from this design paradigm. For example, the very tiniest, most miniaturized electromagnetic cavity ever created was engineered, and demonstrated, under this MURI; trapping optical energy in the smallest volume ever achieved. This world's most tiny light trap was also made into the most miniaturized laser ever made, occupying a volume smaller than a cubic wavelength.

At the same time this MURI advanced the electromagnetic bandgap concept into microwaves and radio waves that are so important for military systems. This required new concepts that permitted the bandgap structure to be much smaller than the electromagnetic wavelength. As in the optical version of photonic crystals, these electromagnetic bandgaps permit unprecedented control over radio frequency electromagnetic waves. For example new antenna structures have been invented that permit near field control over radio emissions from antennas, so that the hand-held radio transmitters can be more efficient.

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There were a number of accomplishments by our joint UCLA/Caltech/Polytechnic University team, in various areas of photonic crystal applications in electromagnetics:

(a) Our team established the validity of using 2-dimensional thin film slab photonic crystals, as a viable alternative to 3-dimensional photonic crystals. We proved that index confinement could perform adequately in the third dimension, greatly simplifying the technological demands of photonic crystals. Indeed, this 2-dimensionality opens up the possibility of creating photonic crystals by straightforward photo-lithography that is very much in the mainstream of conventional technology. This is expected to lead to commercialization of optical photonic crystal structures much faster than had been originally expected.

Among the specific accomplishments in 2-d thin film slab photonic crystals are:

- (i) The smallest electromagnetic cavity ever made.
- (ii) The smallest laser ever made.
- (iii) The demonstration of spontaneous emission enhancement and suppression in 2-d thin-film slab photonic crystals.

(b) Our team demonstrated that long wavelength low frequency photonic crystals were practical, and that they could be quite compact. The spatial period of these structures could be much smaller than the vacuum electromagnetic wavelength. This was quite a surprising conclusion, that emerged when the effect of LC resonances was taken into account. LC resonators can be much smaller than a wavelength, yet they have a powerful influence on electromagnetic waves. In effect then the periodicity of a photonic crystal is determined by the size of the LC resonators, rather than by the electromagnetic wavelength, as had been believed up until then. When the LC resonators are periodically distributed in space, interesting and compact electromagnetic bandgap structures result.

As an example, a two dimensional array of LC resonators above a conventional metallic ground plane results in a high impedance ground plane, that has novel applications in the control of electromagnetic waves. This can be useful for high precision GPS antennas, for example.

Among the specific accomplishments at UCLA and/or Caltech, we did the following:

- ◆ Designed and fabricated photonic crystal membrane microlasers which work at room temperature,
- ◆ optimized the necessary microfabrication instruments and procedures to define 2-D photonic bandgap crystals for use in the near-IR and visible wavelength range. Photonic crystals have been successfully fabricated in the InGaAs/InP, GaAs/AlGaAs, InGaP/InGaAlP, and GaN/AlGaN materials systems. In a collaboration with the Army Research Laboratory, diffractive optical lenses were also fabricated using these techniques.
- ◆ developed Finite Difference Time Domain (FDTD) computer code for the calculation of field intensities and the calculation of cavity Qs in three dimensional photonic crystal cavity structures, and to evaluate their spontaneous emission coupling factors.
- ◆ designed and modeled photonic crystal geometries which were optimized to define the smallest resonant cavities with high Qs (above 15,000).
- ◆ compared the spontaneous emission coupling efficiencies of single-defect photonic crystal microcavities with those in whispering gallery mode lasers and optimized the design of the microlaser structure with a 86% spontaneous emission coupling factor.
- ◆ fabricated microcavities and new in-plane optically pumped photonic crystal lasers operating at 1.55 μm in InGaAs/InP and passive resonator filters in GaAs/AlGaAs.
- ◆ measured the optical response of single defect photonic crystal microcavities as well as larger (2-10 μm diameter) photonic crystal lasers.
- ◆ measured luminescence intensities as function of lattice parameter and observed temperature tuning of the photonic bandgap in 2-D InGaAsP photonic crystals.
- ◆ measured bend losses and optimized the design in 2-D photonic crystal waveguides in silicon on insulator material.
- ◆ Constructed photonic crystal cavities in quantum dot material to examine these structures for strong coupling experiments.
- ◆ Fabricated multi-wavelength photonic crystal laser arrays in which the spectrum was lithographically tuned from 1.45 to 1.6 microns on the same chip
- ◆ Designed and fabricated ultra-small cavities which support only two modes and in which all-optical switching between these modes could be demonstrated.
- ◆ Designed and fabricated single mode photonic crystal waveguides and measured bend losses of light through sharp bends.
- ◆ Using photonic crystals as mirrors, we have designed a new family of high-Q cavities by using finite difference time domain calculations.
- ◆ We have designed devices in which light can be switched from one mode to another and

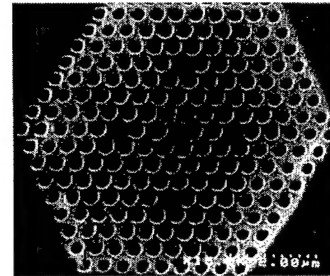


Figure 1: A thin film 2-dimensional photonic crystal slab, incorporating 5 coupled nano-cavities.

developed a waveguide converting all-optical switch.

- ◆ We have developed designs for photonic crystal cavities which will function with quantum cascade material.
- ◆ We have fabricated waveguides with sharp bends and show efficient light guiding around sharp corners at $1.55\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ in Si/SiO₂/Si (SOI) slab waveguides. We have also mapped the modes supported in these waveguides and fitted our measurements to our models.
- ◆ We have designed photonic crystal nanocavities with Er-dopants as active light sources.
- ◆ We have designed and measured new optical cavity geometries to control the emission direction, tuning wavelength, polarization and mode structures and Qs within photonic crystal cavities.

One of the unique features of active photonic crystal cavities, which arises from their ability to limit the number of modes supported within the laser, is the ability to build high contrast modulators. Figure 2 shows an example of such a single defect photonic crystal cavity, which supports both shallow acceptor modes as well as deep donor modes within the same cavity. Depending on the diameter of the pump beam, (shown on the left-hand side of the figure), we find that different modes are excited, and these in turn exhibit different spectra. Finite-difference time-domain simulations of the expected geometric distribution of the field intensities

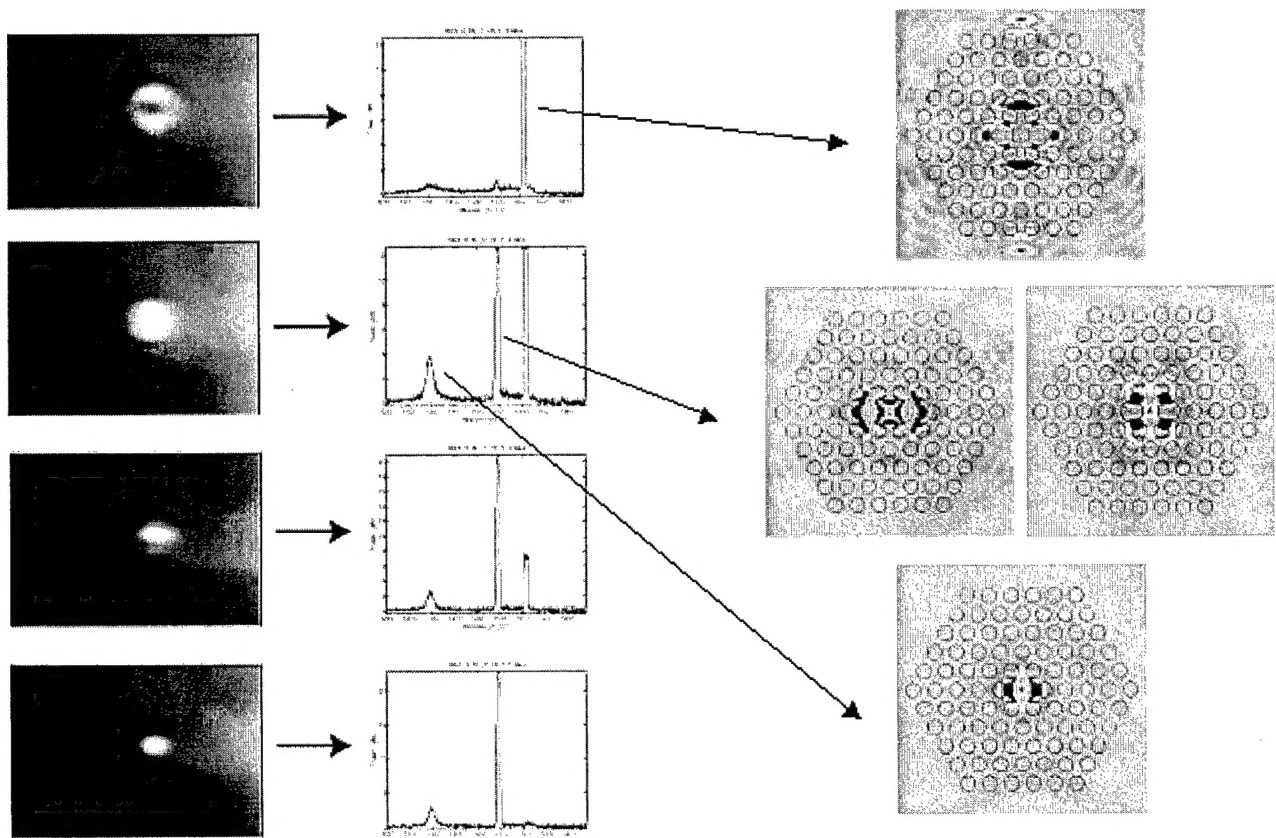


Figure 2: A nano-cavity laser that can lase at donor modes as well as acceptor modes.

within these modes are also shown, and the relative overlap of the pump beam with the expected mode geometries matches well to the observations.

We have also demonstrated electrically and optically pumped multi-wavelength nanocavity lasers, modulators and detector arrays in which lithography is used to define the precise spectral response of each element. We also expect to use the high fields within optical nanocavities by filling the voids of the photonic crystals with nonlinear materials. In the future, we will use these nonlinearities and high fields to define tunable nanocavity lasers, detectors, routers, gates and spectrometers for wavelength and time division multiplexing applications.

Technology Transfer:

The goal of this MURI was to take the photonic crystal concept out of the laboratory into specific practical applications.

In addition to the large number of papers that were published there were a number of patents that were developed. A few of these patents have been licensed to startup companies that have paid significant licensing fees, and they are now dedicated to commercializing some these ideas to emerge from this MURI.

It appears that nano-photonics, that includes photonic band engineering is now rushing headlong out the laboratory, and into commercialization for miniaturized opto-electronic circuits.

In addition, there appears to be great interest in using some of the photonic band engineering ideas in various wireless applications, that are important to Defense, but also important to the commercial world, where taking everything wireless is expected to be a MACRO trend for the next 20 years.

Impact:

The entire field of photonic crystals was aided at a critical point in its development by this MURI. As a result, this topical area of photonic crystal research is more lively than ever, occupying a greater and greater fraction of annual meetings such as the CLEO, the Conference on Lasers and Electro-Optics.

Another way of measuring impact is that this MURI spawned fully three startup companies:

Two in antenna design for wireless electromagnetics:

Ethertronics, Inc. <http://www.ethertronics.com/>

Etenna, Inc. <http://www.etennacorp.com>

and one in Nano-photonics:

Luxtera, Inc. <http://www.luxtera.com/>

This MURI produced world leading research, that culminated in numerous invited presentations in scientific conferences. Indeed, in this year (2002) alone, there will be three international conferences dedicated to the topic of photonic crystals. Many of the papers to be presented at those conferences are outgrowths of the research done in this Photonic Band Engineering MURI.

The work did require an unusual integration of computational electromagnetics and opto-electronic device fabrication. There were strong teams at the individual Universities, and there was a lot of sharing of equipment, designs, software and samples.

The wireless electromagnetics work is expected to lead to new innovative designs for antenna structures, made possible in large part by the recognition of the power of LC resonators to control electromagnetic waves. The most immediate application will be to high precision GPS applications, and some work was done to achieve that objective.

The nano-photonic work is leading to a new type of integrated circuit, in which optical components are miniaturized down to the half wavelength level. This is expected to enable optical and electronic components to be fabricated together and to sit side by side in future integrated circuits. Such WDM opto-electronic integrated circuits are expected to impact military systems, and the research and development for this purpose is now being supported by DARPA's WDM program.

Educational Impact:

A number of students became educated, got their Ph.d. degrees and have gone on to excellent jobs in leading industrial and government research labs, as well as in the top Universities in the nation.

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